

6 second of said plurality of processing databases.

7 19. (original) The computer program method of claim 15, further  
8 comprising sixth program instruction means for setting a status  
9 flag in said one or more transactions.

#### **REMARKS**

1 Independent claims 1, 8, and 15 are amended above to require  
2 a plurality of types of databases. Support is found in the  
3 specification on page 7 lines 1 - 12 where the processing  
4 databases may be any type of database. Independent claims 1, 8,  
5 and 15 are also amended to require that the first and second of  
6 the processing databases be of a different type.

7 Claims 1 - 2, 4, 6 - 9, 13 - 16, 18 - 19 stand rejected  
8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Draper (U.S.  
9 Patent 6,192,365). Draper, however, teaches processing  
10 transactions containing at least one update targeting an object  
11 in a replica of a distributed target database. Because the  
12 database is a replica, it is inherently of the same type.  
13 Applicant's claims 1, 8, and 15, as amended above, specifically  
14 require transactions between databases having a different type.  
15 Draper therefore does not anticipate claims 1, 8, and 15 which  
16 are allowable over Draper. All of the remaining claims in this  
17 case are dependent directly or indirectly on allowable claims 1,  
18 8, or 15 and are therefore also allowable. Withdrawal of the  
19 rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) is respectfully requested.

20 Claims 3, 5, 10, 12, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.  
21 103(a) as being unpatentable over Draper in view of Bowen (U.S.  
22 Patent 6,094,649). However, all of these claims are dependent an

23 now allowable independent claims 1, 8, or 15 and are therefore  
24 also allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C.  
25 103(a) is respectfully requested.

26 The Application is deemed in condition for allowance and  
27 such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain,  
28 however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in  
29 condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the  
30 undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of  
31 providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance  
32 with M.P.E.P. Sections 707, 707.07(d) and 707.07(j) in order that  
33 allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the  
34 application in condition for allowance without further  
35 proceedings being necessary.

36 Respectfully submitted,

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